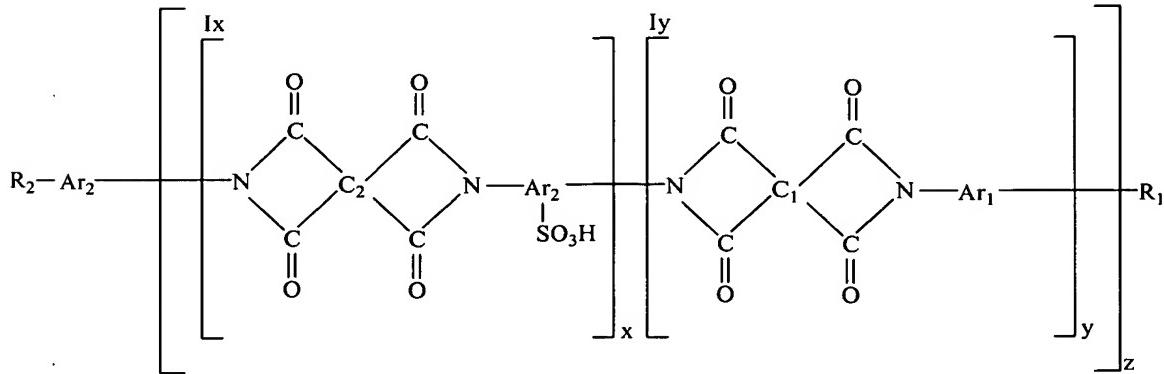


IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the Abstract with the following Abstract:

The invention relates to block polymers of sulfonated polyimides of formula (I):



The block sulfonated polyimides of formula (I) have an excellent lifespan when used as ion-exchange membranes in fuel cells. In particular, the block sulfonated polyimides of formula (I) are useful in solid electrolyte fuel cell battery devices. Such devices have applicability in electric vehicles.

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